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To: All VFC Providers

From: Montana Immunization Program

Re: **VFC Update:** Influenza Update, 2014 VFC Re-enrollment, MenHibrix®, VFC Hot Topics

## **Influenza Vaccine Update**

We have fulfilled all VFC influenza vaccine orders for the 2013–2014 season. We still have doses available in all presentations *except* adult Fluarix® (public health only) and Fluzone® 0.5ml syringes. To request additional doses, contact Katie Grady-Selby at [kgrady@mt.gov](mailto:kgrady@mt.gov) or 444-1613.

## **Influenza Resource Web Page**

Please visit our updated Influenza Resource web page for information on seasonal influenza including vaccination, frequently asked questions, and resources for schools, businesses, clinicians, and the public. Visit: <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/influenza/index.shtml>.

## **2014 VFC Re-enrollment**

2014 VFC re-enrollment begins on January 1 and involves updating and submitting a new site contract in imMTrax. Please DO NOT begin updating your site contract until instructed to do so. The 2014 site contract is not yet loaded in the system. Once re-enrollment begins, you cannot order VFC vaccine until your 2014 site contract has been submitted and approved. We will email more detailed information on re-enrollment later this month. It will also be the topic of our December VFC Hot Topics webinar (more information below).

You can view and print your 2013 site contract in imMTrax by going to **Site Contract** and selecting the **2013 PDF** link. (Please Do NOT click **Create New** until re-enrollment begins.)

**Provider Profiles** – The 2014 site contract requires Provider Profile numbers from the past year, which are a tally of your 2013 immunization patients by VFC eligibility category and age cohort. Profile numbers for integrated providers will fill automatically from imMTrax immunization records. Aggregate providers must obtain their profile numbers from eligibility screening records, which are typically captured on a log sheet or generated from your electronic health record.

**Annual Provider Education Requirement** – Before re-enrolling for 2014, your VFC vaccine manager and alternate must complete the provider education requirement. For more information go to: <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/immunization/documents/ProviderEducationinstr.pdf>

**Vaccine Management Plan Annual Review** – Vaccine Management and Emergency Plans (Section 12 of the *VFC Provider Handbook*) must be reviewed annually, updated if necessary, and re-posted to

your vaccine storage units. The 2014 site contract will ask for the date of your last review, so please complete your annual review before updating your 2014 site contract.

### **MenHibrix® in the VFC Program**

MenHibrix® is a new combination vaccine manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) that is indicated for active immunization to prevent invasive disease caused by *Neisseria meningitidis* serogroups C and Y and *Haemophilus influenzae* type b. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) published recommendations for this vaccine in the *MMWR* (March 22, 2013) and a VFC Resolution including it in the VFC Program. The *MMWR* and VFC Resolution can be found at the following links: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6202a1.htm>

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/downloads/resolutions/1013-mening-mcv.pdf>

With a federal purchase contract in place, we can now offer this vaccine. Because MenHibrix® is only recommended for certain infants at increased risk for meningococcal disease, Montana received a very small allocation of this vaccine from the CDC. Rather than order it online through imMTrax, we ask that you use the attached order form and order only when you have an eligible VFC patient. The minimum order is one dose, and we will process the order immediately upon receipt. Please follow the instructions on the form.

### **Monthly VFC Hot Topic Webinars**

Just a reminder—Due to the holidays, we will hold our last VFC Hot Topic of 2013 on December 17<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please visit [www.immunization.mt.gov](http://www.immunization.mt.gov) under the Training and Resource page for the login information. We will be discussing “2014 VFC re-enrollment.”

In an effort to improve our VFC Hot Topics webinars, we developed a short survey asking for feedback on our 2013 presentations and suggestions for future topics. Please take a moment to fill out the survey even if you have never attended one of our presentations. We value your opinion!

You can find the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SVSNVC5>

### **Reconciliation in imMTrax**

As a reminder, VFC providers are required to enter cold chain data and reconcile vaccine inventory each month regardless of whether they order vaccine. If you receive a notice from us that you are behind on cold chain and reconciliation, please login to imMTrax and update your information as soon as possible or your facility may be inactivated from the VFC Program.

If you have questions regarding any of the above, please contact the Immunization Program at 406-444-5580 or [hhsiz@mt.gov](mailto:hhsiz@mt.gov).

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to protect Montana against vaccine-preventable diseases. Have a great holiday season!